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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN PRICE SIHANOUK CALLS ON PRESIDENT

Giscard D'Estaing

1. ON WAY BACK TO FAR EAST FROM UNGA, PRINCE SIHANOUK
CALLED ON FRENCH PRESIDENT Giscard D'Estaing OCTOBER 9.
CALL WAS ARRANGED AT SIHANOUK'S REQUEST. SPEAKING TO
NEWS MEDIA AFTERWORDS, SIHANOUK SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND
TO KHMER ROUGE AUTHORITIES THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN FRANCE AND CAMBODIA BE RESTORED, BUT HE WAS NOT
HOPEFUL THAT THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN LESS THAN TWO
YEARS. HE CITED LIVING CONDITIONS IN PHNOM PENH AS ONE
FACTOR, AS WELL AS CAMBODIA'S DESIRE TO ADMIT ITS TRUE
FRIENDS FIRST. HE SAID FRANCE'S CONTINUED RECOGNITION
OF LON NOL REGIME UNTIL THE VERY END PLACED IT IN LESSER
POSITION. SIHANOUK TOLD RADIO INTERVIEWERS THAT HE WAS
READY AT ANY TIME TO RETIRE TO HIS HOME IN THE SOUTH
OF FRANCE, BUT WOULD STAY ON AS CHIEF OF STATE WITHOUT
REAL POWER AS LONG AS THE KHMER ROUGE AUTHORITIES DE-

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2. AT PRESS LUNCHEON SAME DAY, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER
SAUVAGNARGUES SAID FRANCE DESIRES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH CAMBODIA, BUT DID NOT CONSIDER THIS LIKELY TO
HAPPEN SOON BECAUSE CAMBODIANS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE READY.

3. COMMENT: CONTACT AT PRESIDENCY INFORMS US THAT
SIHANOUK CALL WAS STRICTLY FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE, AND THAT
NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE WAS EXPECTED TO RESULT.

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